

Dichotomous Keys

A tool used for identifying organisms by using specific observable traits of the organism.

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The first step in the key will be organized the following way:

1. a. wings covered by an exoskeleton
- b. wings not covered by an exoskeleton

Next, the statements need to lead the observer to the next step to narrow the identification further:

1. a. wings covered by an exoskeletongo to step 2
- b. wings not covered by an exoskeletongo to step 3

Step 2 needs to consist of a pair of statements that will allow for the identification of the ladybug and the grasshopper:

2. a. body has a round shapeladybug
- b. body has an elongated shapegrasshopper

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